

Course and Credit Requirements

English/ Language Arts	8 credits
	Including a balance of literature, composition and speech.
Mathematics	8 credits (in grades 9-12)
	2 credits: Algebra I 2 credits: Geometry 2 credits: Algebra II or Quantitative Reasoning 2 credits: Pre-Calculus or Probability/Statistics <small>Or complete Integrated Math I, II, and III for 6 credits. Students must take a math or quantitative reasoning course each year in high school</small>
Science	6 credits
	2 credits: Biology I 2 credits: Chemistry I or Physics I or Integrated Chemistry-Physics 2 credits: any Core 40 science course
Social Studies	6 credits
	2 credits: U.S. History 1 credit: U.S. Government 1 credit: Economics 2 credits: World History/Civilization or Geography/History of the World
College & Career Pathway	6 credits
	1 credit: Preparing for College and Careers 1 credit: Personal Financial Responsibility 4 credits: Career Pathway Courses OR Work-Based Learning
Directed Electives	4 credits
	Career and Technical Education Computer Science Fine Arts World Languages
Physical Education	1 credit
Health and Wellness	1 credit

40 Total State Credits Required

CORE40 with Honors Distinction
(minimum 47 credits)

To earn the **Core 40 diploma with Honors**, students must complete all requirements for the standard Core 40 diploma and the following:

- 1) Earn 8 additional credits in one or more of the following:
 - Career and Technical Education
 - Computer Science
 - Fine Arts
 - Science
 - Social Studies
 - World languages
- 2) Earn 4-6 credits in one or more of the following:
 - Advanced Placement (AP) courses
 - Dual credit courses
 - International Baccalaureate (IB) courses
 - Industry-recognized certification or credential (state approved)
- 3) Earn a grade of a "C" or better in courses that will count toward the diploma AND a cumulative grade point average of a "B" or better.